



# Voting Information News

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## Voting Assistance Officers

### "To Do" This Month:

- ☒ Start planning your 2008 voter training sessions now so that you can assist voters from states with early primary elections. Check for the dates of the elections in the Election Calendar, soon to be available at the FVAP website, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).
- ☒ Check your inventory of absentee voting materials to determine what you may need to perform your duties as a VAO. Do not forget to include family members when determining the quantity of voting supplies needed.
- ☒ Check with your Service Voting Action Officer for a schedule of voting workshops coming to your installation or geographic region.
- ☒ Now is the time to generate interest in the 2008 elections. Use the local media to inform citizens of the upcoming election calendar, especially those states that will hold early primary elections.

**A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)  
For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.**

## Attention All Voting Assistance Officers...

The FVAP has prepared new materials for the 2008 elections. Along with distribution of the *2008-09 Voting Assistance Guide* (see last issue of this newsletter) and the Election Dates Poster, the FVAP has released a new motivational poster (depicted below).



**Motivational Poster**

The FVAP has produced the motivational poster for Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs). The poster is designed to remind voters of upcoming elections and to motivate them to register and vote. VAOs should display the posters in places where they will be seen by large numbers of persons to help promote voting participation. The motivational poster is approximately 17" x 12".

The Election Dates Poster provides space for VAO's contact information. VAOs are encouraged to affix their contact information on the motivational posters as well.

Your Service Voting Action Officer (see page 3) can provide further instructions for ordering other absentee voting materials for your Service/organization (i.e., FPCAs, FWABs, pamphlets, and election calendar). Know what your normal supply channels are, and be prepared by having these materials on hand. ☒

**Election Dates**

This chart lists the 2008 national and state primary election dates in all the states, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories; primary runoff dates (if applicable); states with U.S. Senate races; number of U.S. Representative seats up for re-election; and Gubernatorial races. The election dates poster is approximately 12" x 18".

State	Presidential Primary	State Primary	State General Election	U.S. Senate	U.S. House	Governor
Alabama	Feb 12	Mar 18	Nov 5		10	
Alaska	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		1	
Arizona	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		5	
Arkansas	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		4	
California	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		13	
Colorado	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Connecticut	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		5	
Delaware	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		1	
Florida	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		13	
Georgia	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		11	
Hawaii	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		1	
Idaho	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
Illinois	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		13	
Indiana	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Iowa	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Kansas	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		4	
Kentucky	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Louisiana	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Maine	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
Maryland	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Massachusetts	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Michigan	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		11	
Minnesota	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Mississippi	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Missouri	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		11	
Montana	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
Nebraska	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		3	
Nevada	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
New Hampshire	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
New Jersey	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		13	
New Mexico	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
New York	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		13	
North Carolina	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		11	
North Dakota	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		1	
Ohio	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		11	
Oklahoma	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		4	
Oregon	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		5	
Pennsylvania	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		13	
Rhode Island	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		1	
South Carolina	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		7	
South Dakota	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
Tennessee	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		7	
Texas	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		13	
Utah	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		3	
Vermont	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		1	
Virginia	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		11	
Washington	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
West Virginia	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	
Wisconsin	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		6	
Wyoming	Mar 18	Mar 18	Nov 5		2	

**Election Dates Poster**

## Election Dates 2008

The chart on the following page lists the 2008 State primary and general election dates in all the States, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories; primary runoff dates (if applicable); states with U.S. Senate races; number of U.S. Representative seats up for re-election; and Gubernatorial races. The election dates poster is approximately 12" x 18".

**Share your good ideas!** Send your voting assistance program good ideas and to your Voting Action Officer. Contact information is on page 3.

# Election Dates 2008

The general election is Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Note: This election information is current as of August 2007. Note: the date of the South Carolina Republican Presidential Primary was recently changed. This occurred after the 2009-2009 Voting Assistance Guide went to print. The new date is provided below. Be sure to visit the FVAP website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for future updates.

State	Presidential Primary (or preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	General Election		
				Federal Offices		State Governor
				U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative	
Alabama	February 5	June 3	July 15	Yes	7	No
Alaska	August 26	August 26	-----	Yes	1	No
American Samoa	-----	-----	November 18 (Governor)	-----	1 Delegate	Yes
Arizona	February 26	September 2	-----	No	8	No
Arkansas	February 5	May 20	June 10	Yes	4	No
California	February 5	June 3	-----	No	53	No
Colorado	-----	August 12	-----	Yes	7	No
Connecticut	February 5	August 12	-----	No	5	No
Delaware	February 5	September 9	-----	Yes	1	Yes
District of Columbia	January 8	September 9	-----	-----	1 Delegate	No
Florida	January 29	August 26	-----	No	25	No
Georgia	February 5	July 15	August 5	Yes	13	No
Guam	-----	September 6	-----	-----	1 Delegate	No
Hawaii	-----	September 20	-----	No	2	No
Idaho	May 27	May 27	-----	Yes	2	No
Illinois	February 5	February 5	-----	Yes	19	No
Indiana	May 6	May 6	-----	No	9	Yes
Iowa	-----	June 3	-----	Yes	5	No
Kansas	-----	August 5	-----	Yes	4	No
Kentucky	May 20	May 20	-----	Yes	6	No
Louisiana	February 9	October 4	-----	Yes	7	No
Maine	-----	June 10	-----	Yes	2	No
Maryland	February 12	February 12	-----	No	8	No
Massachusetts	March 4	September 16	-----	Yes	10	No
Michigan	To Be Determined	August 5	-----	Yes	15	No
Minnesota	-----	September 9	-----	Yes	8	No
Mississippi	March 11	March 11	April 1	Yes	4	No
Missouri	February 5	August 5	-----	No	9	Yes
Montana	June 3	June 3	-----	Yes	1	Yes
Nebraska	May 13	May 13	-----	Yes	3	No
Nevada	-----	August 12	-----	No	3	No
New Hampshire	To Be Determined	September 9	-----	Yes	2	Yes
New Jersey	February 5	June 3	-----	Yes	13	No
New Mexico	Feb 5 (DEM), Jun 3 (REP)	June 3	-----	Yes	3	No
New York	February 5	September 9	-----	No	29	No
North Carolina	May 6	May 6	June 24	Yes	13	Yes
North Dakota	-----	June 10	-----	No	1	Yes
Ohio	March 4	March 4	-----	No	18	No
Oklahoma	February 5	July 29	August 26	Yes	5	No
Oregon	May 20	May 20	-----	Yes	5	No
Pennsylvania	April 22	April 22	-----	No	19	No
Puerto Rico	To Be Determined	March 9	-----	-----	1 Res Commissioner	Yes
Rhode Island	March 4	September 9	-----	Yes	2	No
South Carolina	Jan 29 (DEM), Jan 19 (REP)	June 10	June 24	Yes	6	No
South Dakota	June 3	June 3	June 17	Yes	1	No
Tennessee	February 5	August 7	-----	Yes	9	No
Texas	March 4	March 4	April 8	Yes	32	No
Utah	February 5	June 24	-----	No	3	Yes
Vermont	March 4	September 9	-----	No	1	Yes
Virgin Islands	-----	September 3	-----	-----	1 Delegate	No
Virginia	February 12	June 10	-----	Yes	11	No
Washington	February 19	August 19	-----	No	9	Yes
West Virginia	May 13	May 13	-----	Yes	3	Yes
Wisconsin	February 19	September 9	-----	No	8	No
Wyoming	-----	August 19	-----	Yes	1	No

## The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

The most common barrier that citizens covered under the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* encounter when voting absentee is insufficient ballot transit time. Many citizens are located in remote areas around the world where mail is not delivered or picked up on a regular basis (such as sailors and marines aboard ship, and Peace Corps workers, missionaries, airmen, sailors and soldiers at remote sites).

The FWAB is pre-positioned overseas as a "back-up" ballot should a citizen not receive his or her regular ballot from the state or territory in enough time to meet state deadlines for counting. Under Federal provisions, a U.S. citizen may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to vote for Federal offices in the general election if that citizen meets all three of the following conditions:

**1. The citizen must be either an absent Uniformed Services voter absent from his/her voting residence or be a citizen outside the U.S. including APO/FPO.**

**2. The citizen must make a timely ballot request, and submit the FPCA or other state accepted form to their state of legal voting residence requesting a state absentee ballot. The appropriate Local Election Official receives their request at least 30 days before the election or before the ballot request deadline, whichever is later.**

**3. The citizen has not received the regular state absentee ballot.**

In summary, the FWAB is an emergency ballot, only valid when a U.S. citizen makes a timely ballot request for the General Election; is an absent Uniformed Service voter away from his/her voting residence or a citizen located outside the U.S. including APO/FPO and the requested absentee ballot has not been received from the state or territory. ☒

## How To Use The FWAB

If eligible to use this ballot, the citizen may indicate their election choices for Federal offices in the general election. To vote this blank write-in ballot, citizens may vote for a candidate by writing in the candidate's name or writing in the name of a party affiliation (if the intention of a voter can be ascertained, the candidate/party choices will be accepted). The FWAB is similar to the regular state absentee ballot as it includes a security envelope and a mailing envelope.

Complete the voter's declaration/affirmation according to the instruction on the front cover sheet, sign, date and include witness if needed by your state. Vote the official Federal Write-In ballot by writing in the candidate's name or political party designation. Some states permit you to vote for other offices in the space provided. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and seal.

FWABs are available worldwide at U.S. embassies and consulates, military installations and overseas organizations and corporations with U.S. citizens.

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Comments or suggestions on  
this newsletter are welcome.

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# **Vote!**

## **The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (continued)**

Some states have legislatively expanded its use beyond the Federal law to include use in Federal elections other than general elections and/or voting for offices other than Federal offices. Refer to Chapter 3 of the *Guide* to determine whether your state has expanded use of the FWAB. Military and

overseas citizens should use the FWAB when the election is rapidly approaching and insufficient time exists to receive, vote and timely return the requested state ballot. A sample FWAB with instructions can be found in Appendix G of the *Guide*. ☒

## **Massachusetts Special Congressional Primary Election**

On September 4, 2007 there will be a special primary election in Massachusetts' 5th Congressional District to fill the seat of Representative Martin T. Meehan. The winners of this special primary election will compete in a special general election to be held on October 16, 2007.

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are Massachusetts residents from the 5th District should request a ballot for this special primary election by completing and submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), SF-76, as soon as possible, if you have not done so already in calendar year 2007.

The online version of the FPCA and specific instruction for Massachusetts are available from the FVAP website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

Registration is waived for Massachusetts citizens covered by the Uniformed and

Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. To request an absentee ballot, the local registrar of voters must receive your FPCA or any other form of written communication with your name, date of birth, former residence and present residence not later than noon the day before the election.

You may submit the FPCA for absentee ballot request by fax. After faxing, you must submit the FPCA by mail so that it arrives by September 4 in order to have your ballot counted. Use the following toll-free fax numbers for the U.S. and Canada: 1-800-368-8683, (703) 693-5527 or DSN 223-5527 (military). Additional toll-free fax numbers from overseas countries numbers available at [www.fvap.gov/services/faxing.html](http://www.fvap.gov/services/faxing.html)

For additional information about this special election, visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). Also, state specific information on your precinct, candidates, elections, and voting is available at the Massachusetts Secretary of State website, [www.sec.state.ma.us/ele](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele). ☒



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